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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1574**

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**Introduced by Senator Kuehl**

February 23, 2006

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An act to add Section ~~12805.3~~ 12805.4 to the Government Code, relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1574, as amended, Kuehl. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Existing law establishes the Resources Agency in state government and grants to that agency various supervisory powers over the state's resources. Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Game to identify, evaluate, and comparatively rate the principal options available to implement certain objectives that relate to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta or the Sacramento and San Joaquin river systems. Existing law requires the departments to jointly report to the Legislature and the Governor the results of their evaluations and comparative ratings, as specified, no later than January 1, 2008.

This bill would *additionally* require the Secretary of the Resources Agency to convene a committee to develop and submit to the ~~Government~~ Governor and the Legislature, on or before December 31, 2008, a ~~Blueprint~~ *Strategic Vision* for a Sustainable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta with specified components. The bill would authorize the committee, its members, and state agencies represented on the committee to enter into specified contracts.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section ~~12805.3~~ 12805.4 is added to the  
2 Government Code, to read:  
3     ~~12805.3.~~  
4     12805.4. (a) The Secretary of the Resources Agency shall  
5 convene a committee to develop and submit to the Governor and  
6 the Legislature, on or before December 31, 2008, a ~~Blueprint~~  
7 *Strategic Vision* for a Sustainable Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.  
8     (b) The committee shall include all of the following:  
9         (1) The Secretary of the Resources Agency.  
10        (2) The Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing  
11 Agency.  
12        (3) ~~The Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency for~~  
13 ~~Environmental Protection.~~  
14        (4) The Secretary of Food and Agriculture.  
15        (5) The President of the Public Utilities Commission.  
16        ~~(6) The Director of Finance.~~  
17        ~~(7) The Director of the Office of Planning and Research.~~  
18     (c) ~~The blueprint~~ *strategic vision* shall address all of the  
19 following:  
20         (1) Sustainable ecosystem functions, including aquatic and  
21 terrestrial flora and fauna.  
22         (2) Sustainable land use and land use patterns.  
23         (3) Sustainable transportation uses, including streets, roads  
24 and highways, and waterborne transportation.  
25         (4) Sustainable utility uses, including aqueducts, pipelines, and  
26 power transmission corridors.  
27         (5) Sustainable water supply uses.  
28         (6) Sustainable recreation uses, including current and future  
29 recreational and tourism uses.  
30         (7) Sustainable flood management strategies.  
31         (8) Other aspects of sustainability deemed desirable by the  
32 committee.  
33     (d) The committee shall seek input from elected officials,  
34 governmental agencies, interested parties, educational  
35 institutions, and affected local communities. *The Governor or the*  
36 *committee may appoint a "blue ribbon" or citizen commission,*  
37 *advisory committee, task force, or any other group or groups that*

1 *the Governor or the committee deems necessary or desirable to*  
2 *assist in carrying out this section.*

3 (e) For the purposes of carrying out this section, the committee  
4 may also seek input from other policy and resource leaders.

5 (f) All relevant state agencies, at the request of the committee,  
6 shall make available staff and resources to assist in the  
7 preparation of the ~~blueprint~~ *strategic vision*.

8 (g) (1) The committee, its members, and state agencies  
9 represented on the committee may contract for consultants to  
10 assist in the preparation of the ~~blueprint~~ *strategic vision*.

11 (2) Contracts entered into pursuant to paragraph (1) shall  
12 terminate no later than December 31, 2008.

13 (3) Contracts entered into pursuant to paragraph (1) are  
14 exempt from Part 2 (commencing with Section 10100) of  
15 Division 2 of the Public Contract Code.